

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

An image forming apparatus ~~is provided with~~ has a first detector for detecting that a consumption article has reached its life, a second detector for detecting that the consumption article has reached a certain timing before its life, a third detector for detecting an application of power and/or releasing of a power saving mode of the image forming apparatus, a first controller for making a display portion ~~provided at the image forming apparatus~~ display an alarm advising a replacement of the consumption article and for making the image forming apparatus inactivate ~~in a case where the application of power and/or the releasing of the power saving mode of the image forming apparatus is detected by the third detector after the second detector detects that the consumption article has reached the certain timing before its life but before the first detector detects that the consumption article has reached its life,~~ and a second controller for releasing the alarm display and enabling the use of the image forming apparatus, when a specific input ~~means~~ is operated during the displaying of the alarm on the display portion.